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60246-116; 8940REMARKS

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the details remarks and appreciates the opportunity to further address the cited references. Claim 41 has been cancelled, claims 1, 3, 5, and 39 have been amended, and new claim 42 has been added. Claims 27 and 40 were previously allowed. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 22, 25, 26, 29-39, and 42 are pending.

Claims 1-3, 5, 22, 26, 33-35, 37-39 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bentley et al. US 4848314 in view of Kaneko et al. US 4421789 and further in view of Barclay US 2899288 in combination, or optionally further in view of Gilbert et al. US 3813231. The Examiner argues that Barclay teaches running the coated, preheated sheet through rollers with a cooling fluid to regulate the temperature of the coated particles. In Applicant's view, Barclay teaches using a cooling fluid to cool the sheet. Therefore, the "regulating" must thereby refer to promoting cooling of the sheet. In contrast, claim 1 recites the step of "regulating a temperature of the first roller to resist cooling of the film," not to promote cooling as in Barclay. This prevents at least the surface of the film from cooling too quickly. This feature is supported in the specification (e.g., p. 4, lines 19-20) and is not disclosed or suggested by the cited references. Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependents are properly allowable.

New claim 42 recites additional features that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references. No new matter has been added. Claim 42 recites the steps of "passing the heated film with said plurality of polar particles between the first roller and a second roller such that the surface faces in a direction toward the first roller, and regulating a temperature of the second roller to cool the film." The combination of a roller that resists cooling of the film with a roller that cools the film is not shown in the cited references.

Claims 25, 29-32 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bentley et al. US4848314 in view of Kaneko et al. US 4421789 and further in view of Barclay US 2899288 in combination, or optionally further in view of Gilbert et al. US 3813231, and further in view of Rickert Jr. US 4181773 or Stewart US 4921646 or Steele et al. US 5264250 or Hommelftoft et al. US 5245100. In view of the argument above and amendment to claim 1, the rejection is moot. Claims 25, 29-32, 36 depend on patentable claim 1 and are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Modifying Bentley with Kaneko, Barclay, and optionally Gilbert, would not render the claims obvious because it is not obvious to employ a roller to resist cooling of the

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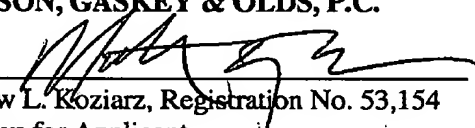
film for the reasons set forth above. Accordingly, claims 25, 29-32, and 36 are properly allowable.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bentley et al. US4848314 in view of Kaneko et al. US 4421789 and further in view of Barclay US 2899288 in combination, or optionally further in view of Gilbert et al. US3813231, and further in view of Linford US 6132801. In view of the argument above and amendment to claim 1, the rejection is moot. Claim 7 depends on patentable claim 1 and is allowable for the reasons set forth above. Modifying Bentley with Kaneko, Barclay, and optionally Gilbert, would not render the claims obvious because it is not obvious to employ a roller to resist cooling of the film for the reasons set forth above. Accordingly, claim 7 is properly allowable.

Thus, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 22, 25-27 and 29-42 are in condition for allowance. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

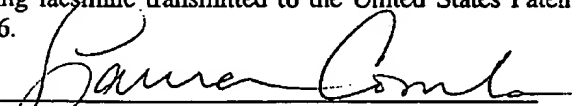
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